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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

SUBJECT: Daily Log.

[ ] reports that President Eisenhower's speech was given front page, lead treatment in all Greek papers beginning 17 April. The Greek press, in stressing the importance of the new U.S. policy offensive, carried reports from New York and London that it is now considered possible the Secretary of State may resign in order to reflect the change in policy. The full speech was likewise broadcast over the Greek network. [ ] believes it is correct to say the speech made a great and favorable impression throughout the country. (ATHE 3442 IN 17429; 20 April)

[ ] reports that the publisher of a left-wing newspaper has approached the U.S. Embassy with a request for financial support for another left-wing news publication. Both papers in the past have shown an anti-American bias. The recent devaluation in Greek currency has placed the Greek press in a precarious position, forcing reductions in their staffs on foreign assignment and curtailing the purchase of international news services. The advantages in controlling one or both of the two leftist papers and neutralising their anti-American line are such that serious consideration is being given to the field's proposed subsidy. [ ] has been requested to ascertain the views of the Embassy and to explore the matter further to determine whether the subsidy can be maintained on a non-attributable basis. (ATHE 3403 IN 16994; 18 April)

Continuing reports of confusion and disarray in the Trieste pre-Cominform Communist Party would seem to support speculation that the recent black letter campaign has had considerable impact. An inspector was recently sent from Italian Communist Headquarters to investigate the current status of the Party, and it is reported that criticism is being leveled within the Party at the Soviet policy shift on the grounds it constitutes a "double cross" of Stalin and his teachings. Vidali, Secretary General of the Party, is said to have ordered an instructional program in the party press to prevent the membership from "succumbing to anti-Communist propaganda". [ ] 0779 IN 16436, 20 April; [ ] 0784 IN 17101, 20 April)

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[ ] formerly CPP/SE, in his conversations with King Zog

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in Alexandria on 16 and 17 April, was apprised that the Yugoslavs have made no move toward arranging the meeting between Zog and Yugoslav representatives which was agreed upon at Skoplje in August 1952. However, a trusted resident of Cairo recently received a letter from the personal secretary of Yugoslav Interior Minister Rankovic. The letter has been interpreted by Zog to mean that Yugoslav plans with respect to Albania were held up while Tito consulted with the British. Zog has promised to furnish further details as they are received. [ ] 427 IN 17194, 19 April).

[ ] Acting Chief, SE [ ]

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